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Sir:

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Document A1 relates to a reforming device of fuel.

An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available; however, an English language abstract has been provided. The absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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Respectfully submitted,

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